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We corresponded about the case of Dr Necmettin Erbakan, and his colleagues of the National Salvation Party of Turkey, and on 1982 February 18 you told me that consideration of their cases would be pursued at the hundred and thirtieth session of the IP Council at Lagos in April. I understand now from Mr Salem Azzam of the Islamic Council of Europe that Dr Erbakan has been jailed, and I would be grateful if you would let me know what further action the IPU can take on his behalf.

There were some twenty other former MPs originally charged with similar offences, and I enclose a copy of a letter I wrote to the Turkish Ambassador about their cases. I wonder if you could seek information about these people, and if necessary take their cases up as well.

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